



GOD'S LOVE

HOPE

FREDA ELIZABETH LAMBERT

I have a hope that reaches far
Beyond this veil of tears.
I have a hope that cheers me on
Throughout life's weary years.

I have a hope that's anchored
In the Rock, Jesus Christ.
I have a hope of brighter things
Soon after life's dark night.

I have a hope undaunted, true,
That riseth on wings of prayer,
And echoes back, "Thou art my child,"
From my Shepherd, my Hope
up there.

I have a hope the storms of life
Shall never rock nor sway,
A hope secure in Christ, my Lord.
I'll understand some day

Why sadness came to blot sweet smiles,
Causing fondest hearts to be torn,
A hope that shall whisper, through
suffering,
"Weary and blest one, thy Hope
is born."

THE GROUND OF

"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of
the great God and our Savior Jesus Christ."—Titus 2:13.

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REQUESTS FOR PRAYER

PRAY FOR:

My husband to be healed; my son; me. I need encouragement.—Mrs. E. J. Stevens, Rt. 1, Quinton, Ala.

The Lord to heal me of heart trouble and some kind of blood disease; a friend to be healed of T. B.—Charles Anderson, Rt. 1, Fruitport, Mich.

God to heal me of T. B. and restore my hearing. My husband is dead and I have three children. I have been in the sanatorium one year away from my children, but I know God can heal; my mother.—Mary Francis Taylor, Pinecrest Sanatorium, Beckley, W. Va.

God to heal my daughters and me; my son in the Navy.—Dolly Huffmaster, Box 145, Armona, Calif.

The healing of my father, W. L. Campbell, 108 W. Broad St., Greenville, S. C., who is seriously ill; me to be healed of two eating ulcers, one on each of my ankles.—W. A. Campbell, Rt. 2, c/o Mrs. R. C. Barrett, Travellers Rest, S. C.

My son in Service, he is fixing to be shipped overseas. — Louise Cheek, Swainsboro, Ga.

Me and my brother to be healed and saved; the family.—Nichols Peterson, Rt. 2, Box 43, c/o Richard Peterson, Broxton, Ga.

My husband's side and arm; unspoken request for me and my children.—Mrs. Robert Smith, Rt. 2, Lawrenceville, Ga.

Sister Boykins' little girl who is dumb and very nervous and is getting worse; me; unspoken request.—Mrs. H. E. McCaskill, Jena, La.

The healing of Sister Childs' body, she has been suffering with a cancer; my father to be healed in body and saved; my brother overseas.—Miss Virginia Thorn, Eagle, Mich.

The healing of my wife; me.—Rev. A. B. Everett, Box 171, Moorhead, Miss.

God to undertake for Elmer Daniels and his companion.—A friend, Ethel, W. Va.

The healing of my legs and feet, also my throat.—Mrs. Lillie Atchley, 2523½ Fifth Ave., 26th St., N., Birmingham, Ala.

My two sons overseas to be saved and safely kept.—Mrs. Nora Grimsley, Rt. 2, Algood, Tenn.

God to undertake for my husband and home.—Mrs. S. C. Byrum, 608 Central Ave., S. W., Atlanta, Ga.

Me to be healed of an affliction and to have more faith for my healing.—Sister Leonard Couch, Daisy, Tenn.

The healing of a lady who thinks she has a cancer, she is in a bad condition; my two sons in Service.—Sister Lucille Lewis, Rt. 3, Williamson, N. C.

The healing of Sister Ruby McGougan, Manatee, Fla. She needs encouragement; my son.—Mrs. Kate Stowe, 301 6th St., Manatee, Fla.

The complete healing of my body.—Mrs. Stella Smith, 3503 3rd Ave., Detroit 1, Mich.

The healing of my mother, Mrs. Erna Freeman, who is in a serious condition; my brother who is in New Guinea.—Beulah Burlison, Rt. 3, Meadville, Miss.

The healing of my body.—H. B., 512 W. Oldham St., Knoxville, Tenn.

The healing of Sister Louise Hamilton who is in a serious condition with T. B.; Sister Moore to be healed of cancer.—H. L. Kitchen, Fairmont, Ala.

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NOTICE

If there are any Church of God members in or near Orange, Texas, please drop me a card so that I might get in touch with you. If anyone has an address of members at Orange, please send it to Rev. A. R. Mitchell, Rt. 1, Box 80, Port Arthur, Texas.

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Divine Healing Is Inseparably Linked With Salvation in the Word of God

Radio Sermon by Wm. Pospisil
Over CHAB, Moose Jaw,
Sask., Canada

AS we have been dedicating the recent broadcasts especially to the shut-ins, I believe it would be very appropriate to speak to you about the teaching of the Bible in regard to divine healing. If you will turn to the 103rd Psalm, and the 3rd verse, you will find these words: "Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; *who healeth all thy diseases.*" It begins by praising God for His benefits. The matter of healing all thy diseases is listed as one of these benefits. Listen to those verses again. "Bless the Lord, O my soul; and *forget not all his benefits: Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases.*" It seems to be so easy for the human family to forget the benefits that the Lord has for His people that put their trust in Him. The children of Israel were privileged to see miracle after miracle of the mighty working power of God, and yet it seems that these supernatural manifestations of the power became so common to them, that they soon forgot God's numerous benefits to them, and so often complained and murmured against Moses and against God. They saw the judgments upon Egypt, and the passage through the Red Sea. They were fed with manna from heaven in the wilderness, and water flowed freely from the rock in that land of burning sand. Even their clothes were miraculously prevented from wearing out. And this is what God said concerning them, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: *for I am the Lord that healeth thee.*"

The scripture infers that sickness has come upon the human family primarily because of SIN. Since the time of the disobedience in the Garden of Eden, the human family has suffered because of sickness. In the 13th chapter of St. Luke's Gospel we read of a woman that had a spirit of infirmity for eighteen years and was bowed down so that she could in no wise lift up herself. Jesus laid His hands on her and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. The ruler of the synagogue ob-

jected because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath day. After Jesus explained to them all the inconsistency of such a position of opposing healing on the Sabbath day, Jesus concluded by saying, "Ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom SATAN hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" Jesus attributed this condition of infirmity to the work of Satan. Most all people who read the Bible believe that Satan is the author of sin, but not nearly so many realize that Satan is the author of sickness too. In the First Epistle of John, the 3d chapter and 8th verse, we read, "For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil."

That the forgiveness of sin and the healing of the body are inseparably linked together like the links of a chain is seen by the following passages. Luke 5:19-26. Here we have the incident of the man who was taken with the palsy and was carried by four men on a bed, but because of the crowd around the house where Jesus was they could not get to Jesus. They, therefore, tore up the tiling on the roof and let him down through the roof before Jesus. When Jesus saw their faith He said unto the man, "Thy sins are forgiven thee." Because the scribes and Pharisees reasoned one with another about such a statement, feeling that only God could forgive sins, He spoke to this poor paralytic, saying, "Arise, and take up thy couch, and go into thine house." And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his own house, glorifying God. Thus Jesus proved that He had power to forgive sins by this act of healing. Healing still has its place in and among the Spirit-filled people of God. In the 17th verse of this same chapter we read, "And the power of the Lord was present to heal them."

When Jesus sent His disciples out He told them to "Preach the kingdom

of God, and to heal the sick." "And they went through the towns, preaching the gospel, and healing every where." When the seventy were sent out this was also a part of the marching orders: "And heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you."

Because Jesus healed all that came to Him, we find that great crowds followed Him. In this way He was enabled to preach to them the Word of God. In the 3rd chapter of Acts we read of Peter and John going up to the temple to pray. And there a poor crippled man that was over forty years old and had never walked, sat begging. "Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up, and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking and leaping, and praising God." This miracle of healing brought the crowd together and Peter's explanation, of how faith in the risen Son of God caused this cripple to be healed, brought about five thousand converts.

Divine healing is listed among the gifts of the Spirit in the 12th chapter of First Corinthians, and is also spoken of as one of the signs that are to follow believers. Mark 16:15-20, "And these signs shall follow them that believe; In my name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; *they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.*" In the Epistle of James it is plainly stated that the sick should seek God by means of prayer for their recovery and that they should invite the elders of the church to come and pray for them. James 5:13-16, "Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: *And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up;*

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RELIGION AND THE WORLD

BY THE EDITOR

OPA Board Head Says "The Quicker the Churches Close Up the Better"

EDITOR'S NOTE: Below we are publishing a report of Dr. L. L. Marion's experience with A. J. Diebel, OPA head in Oakland County, Michigan. More light could but be thrown upon the attitude of OPA, in relating that G. W. Robnett, Executive Secretary of the Church League of America, stated in his book "Can We Preserve Our American System in a Post-war World," that Leon Henderson, who was the first head of OPA, was reported by Boake Carter (Washington Times, 4/16/38) and Raymond Clapper (Washington News, 4/20/38) as having attended a secret meeting of Leftists at the Russian Embassy in Washington. Henderson appointed as his first assistant Robert A. Grady, at \$7,500 a year. He was a member of the Harry Bridges' Defense Committee and a sponsor of the Communist "Worker Schools." "Henderson's second assistant was Tom Tippet, who at one time signed the 'Trade Union Conference Manifesto,' along with Communist leaders Foster and Browder. Tippet was exposed by Matthew Woll (AFL official) as Communist." Yet another of Henderson's assistants was Dewey H. Palmer. Martin Dies wrote a personal letter to President Roosevelt (Sept. 6, 1941) saying, "I enclose a reproduction of a memorandum in the handwriting of Mr. Palmer. In this document Palmer made no secret of his C. P. sympathies, meaning, of course, his Communist Party sympathies." Other considerable evidence was enclosed by Mr. Dies. No action was taken against Palmer. Still another of Mr. Henderson's assistants was Harold Loeb, an ardent advocate of "Technocracy." These exposures, according to Mr. Robnett, have gone on for years "with no apparent disposition on the part of those in power to clean house." Now the question, Why was Leon Henderson chosen to set up OPA? The whole background is antichristian, and it is high time for serious thinking and action.

I AM the Director of the Christian Temple at Pontiac, Michigan. Aside from this pastorate I have a

Christian work in Flint, Michigan, and a congregation in Birmingham, Michigan. These three parishes represent approximately 2,000 souls for whom I am directly responsible.

"I broadcast every day over Radio Station WCAR in Pontiac and have a radio congregation of many thousands. My correspondence reveals that this radio following is in 300 different cities.

"Due to the enlarged number of parishioners under my care, it is necessary for me to have several paid assistants. I am called on to preach from two to six funerals per week. We have, of course, the normal number of babies born in our congregation. Due to the fact that many members of our congregation have sons and loved ones in the Armed Services, several of whom have been wounded and killed, there is an increasing demand on me for pastoral calls. The demand on my time by those who have been or are sick in their homes and in hospitals is such that even with many volunteer assistants it is impossible for me to call on as many sick people as request my attention.

"For two months the Oakland County OPA has failed to provide me with gasoline coupons. There is no way to estimate how much harm this has done our Christian work. But for the generosity of my parishioners in helping me to obtain gasoline I could not have carried on my Christian duties.

"Following is a brief review of my experience with the OPA Board in Oakland County, which is headed by one A. J. Diebel:

"Early in July, 1943, I applied for the renewal of my gasoline quota which, according to the rules, should be a "C" Book. (It is my understanding that all preachers of the gospel are entitled to "C" Books.)

"Instead of giving me a "C" Book, Mr. Diebel ruled that I should have a "B" Book. The quota allowed me represented a cut of fifty per cent. Even before this cut I was having difficulty in reaching my parishioners and handling my funeral services.

"I thereupon called upon Mr. Diebel, assuming that I was the victim of a just clerical error or the mistake of

a subordinate. Imagine my shock and surprise when Diebel said to me:

"YOUR WORK, DR. MARION, AS PASTOR OF A CHURCH IS NOT FUNDAMENTAL TO THE WAR EFFORT. I AM NOT CONCERNED ABOUT THE CHURCHES. I AM CONCERNED ABOUT GETTING GASOLINE FOR MEN WHO WORK IN SHOPS. IN SIXTY DAYS THERE WILL BE NO GASOLINE FOR CHURCHES AND SIMILAR ENTERPRISES, AND THE QUICKER THE CHURCHES CLOSE UP THE BETTER IT WILL BE ANYWAY."

"(I will sign on oath in the presence of a Notary Public in support of the accuracy of this quotation.)

"I then realized that we were in the hands of an antichristian bureaucratic tyrant.

"I made a brief investigation of Diebel and I now have information to the effect that Diebel was at one time an officer in a unit of the Communist Party. Ordinarily I do not believe such rumors, but in view of the way he talked to me about the church, it seems reasonable to believe that he holds the Communist philosophy, regardless of his former connections.

"After Diebel said these shocking things to me, I realized that the preachers of Oakland County could expect nothing but persecution at his hands. I appealed his decision and the appeal was denied. I then appealed the appeal, and after a heated and tempestuous conference in Detroit I won my second appeal.

"I then returned to the Oakland County OPA, but was still unable to

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The Baptism of the Holy Ghost

I am writing my viewpoint of the baptism of the Holy Ghost and the endowment of power from on high. This is the first time I have ever written an article to be published in the Evangel, but I do feel an urge from God to do so now.

No doubt, there may be mockers who may wish to ridicule this writing. Job said in Job 21:3, "Suffer me that I may speak; and after that I have spoken, mock on."

THE ENDUEMENT WITH POWER

Webster says "to endue" means "to clothe" or "to invest." Jesus Christ said in Luke 24:49, "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high," meaning tarry, not only until you talk in tongues, but until you be "clothed" and "invested" with power from on high, fulfilling the promise of the Father. Power for what? Why, the power for service, to work the miracles of the signs following believers.

Let us see what all took place on the day of Pentecost.

THE TALKING IN TONGUES

Some critics claim that the talking in tongues was one of the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost and that these saints in the upper room spoke with the gift of tongues. Other ministers, including some of our own, say those saints in the upper room only spoke in the unknown tongue, when as a matter of fact, those saints did both; namely, they spoke in the unknown tongue, or the new tongue, and they also spoke again with the gift of tongues. Let us take the Scripture and see what it tells us.

THE UNKNOWN TONGUE

Acts 2:4, "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance," the same as we speak today when we receive the Holy Ghost—the other tongue, which is the new tongue which no man understandeth.

THE GIFT OF TONGUES

Let us go to verse 6, "Now when this was noised abroad, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speak in his own language." After the

baptism had taken place, after these saints had already spoken in other tongues, then it was noised abroad, the news got out about what had already taken place. Now all these various tribes of people in that vast multitude heard these saints, who were all Galileans, speak all of these earthly languages, which were divers kinds of tongues, and not an unknown tongue. That is the place where most of us usually stop tarrying, whenever we get to speak in tongues; but Jesus said to tarry until ye be endued with power. Let us see if the disciples received power to perform miracles.

THE CLOVEN TONGUES LIKE AS OF FIRE

Verse 3, "And there appeared unto them cloven tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them." These cloven tongues signified the nine gifts of the Holy Ghost being poured out on the early Church, enduing them with power to perform the miracles that God intended His people to possess whenever they received the baptism of the Holy Ghost.

THE POWER OF THE GIFT

First, these saints exercised the gift of tongues by speaking to the multitude in all of their earthly languages. Second, Peter exercised the gift of prophecy by getting three thousand people converted by the power of his first sermon. Third, Peter exercised the gift of healing at the gate Beautiful by commanding the beggar in the name of Jesus to rise up and walk. Fourth, Peter exercised the gift of discernment of spirits when he faced Ananias and Sapphira and, last, note Acts 2:43, "And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles." By the endowment of power we are permitted to do greater works than Jesus did while He was on earth. Let us read John 14:12, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works

that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father." This verse means just exactly what it says. As I have never in my life heard this subject preached like I am writing it, nor never have I been able to find any book that teaches this, I wish to say before I go further that I get my interpretations from God by praying and studying His Word and still tarrying for more power. Jesus never told us when to quit "tarrying for power." When I was overseer of Indiana, one day this verse received my attention. I was very perplexed and began to get my mind in contact with God. I know some of you good ministers will understand me when I say God will talk with a man today the same as He always has. While I was in communion with God on the verse, the Lord said to my heart, "Son, that verse means just what it says. I know what is troubling you. You think it would be impossible for any man to do greater miracles that Jesus did. That is correct, but I did not say in that verse that a man would do greater miracles than Jesus did, but I said greater works. Here is the explanation of that verse. When Jesus was on earth He worked these miracles of 'the signs following believers' through the 'power' that He possessed, but my disciples haven't that 'power' to 'do' the 'works' but they must do these 'works' through 'faith.' It is harder and also a greater work to heal the sick, cast out devils, etc., by doing these works by faith in Jesus' name than by doing these works if you possessed the power to do so."

THE SIGNS FOLLOWING BELIEVERS

Jesus said that in His name we shall cast out devils, in His name we shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover, that is, if you have the power of faith to do so. Jesus didn't say in the signs following that you had to "pray" for "healing." He said to lay hands on them and they would recover. I know what James said. "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." But James is not Jesus Christ and James was dealing with the Church after their faith had weakened considerably, like it has today, so there-

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The Precious Blood of Christ

James A. Smith

The story of the fall is a familiar one, the result of the disobedience of man. God's fellowship with Adam was broken. He could not look lightly upon sin, because he saw directly the results of sin. When he was cast out of his garden, which God had given him for his home, between God and His creation had come an impassible gulf. As a result, a blight came upon all mankind, bringing its trail of disease and death.

God said to Adam, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake." To Cain He said, "Thou art cursed from the earth." A redemption was necessary and God provided one.

In Gen. 3:15 the promise was made of the seed of the woman, who should bring deliverance to the blighted race of men, and in the last book of the Bible we see this promise fulfilled, Rev. 5:9, great hosts swelling their praises to God for their redemption "through the blood of the Lamb of God."

Sin brought in its train disease and death, that only the blood of Jesus spilt on the ground could cancel. Through all ages some have received the benefit of this sacrifice and have given the Lord the glory. Abel was subject to the Lord and offered a lamb, and was slain by his own brother because God had respect for Abel's sacrifice. Many like Cain have boastingly offered the fruits of their own labor, trying to bridge the separation between them and God, which is just as foolish as the building of the "Tower of Babel" by men who sought to reach into the heavens. Only the cross of Christ can bridge the gulf from earth to glory. Only the life blood of the Savior can bring life eternal where death has reigned. "Without shedding of blood is no remission." Heb. 9:22. This same verse refers to the old typical sacrifice upon the Jewish altars. "Almost all things are by the law purged with blood." There is a distinct reason for this: "For the life of the flesh is the blood and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that

maketh an atonement for the soul," Lev. 17:11.

The Lord Jesus Himself reminds us of the merit of His atoning blood. He said in Matt. 26:28, "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." In this connection, repentance must be preached. The great sacrifice was God's part, repentance is man's part.

Repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. Luke 24:47. In the Old Testament atonement was made for sin and sickness. In Exod. 32:30 Moses said to the children of Israel, after their great sin of making the golden calf and falling down and worshipping it, "Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I shall make an atonement for your sins." Moses' intercessory prayer was full of suffering, asking God to forgive their great sin, and if not, to blot his name out of the book.

Again when the children of Israel had sinned a great sin, by murmuring against God's servants (a dangerous sin today), a plague came upon them, and the Lord warned Moses and Aaron, saying, "Separate yourselves from among this congregation, that I may consume them." Then Moses told Aaron to go quickly and make an atonement, "for there is wrath gone out from the Lord; the plague is begun." And when Aaron made an atonement the plague was stayed, but 14,700 had died.

God's people are only safe when they are under the precious blood of the Son of God, and when they have faith in the atonement. It was so in Egypt, when God spared the first-born. He saw the faith of those that used the typical blood of the lamb over the doorposts of their houses. In the case of the Israelites it was the blood of the paschal lamb that delivered them. In our case it is the true Lamb of God and His atoning blood. As Christ died for us, "we have now received the atonement," Rom. 5:1.

It is said that for many years the

British navy had a red thread made into all the ropes that they used on their many ships, and the men of the navy could know even a fragment of it washed up on the beach from a wreck. Through all the Word of God we see the red color of the atoning blood. Every phase of the atonement is purchased through this great price. We are justified by His blood. Rom. 5:9. We have FORGIVENESS OF SINS through His blood. Eph. 1:7. Jesus suffered without the gate that He might sanctify the people with His own blood. Heb. 13:12. The purchase price of the Church of God was the blood of Christ. Acts 20:28.

We are reminded, in 1 Cor. 6:19, "Ye are bought with a price," not with silver and gold, "but with the precious blood of Christ." 1 Peter 1:18.

Faith in the atoning blood meets every need; even from the conscience is dispelled every fear. Yea, it is by faith in the blood that we enter into the holiest place. Heb. 10:19.

The Presence of the Lord Is With Us

COALINGA, Calif.—I praise the Lord for what I feel in my soul just now. Praise His holy name. I thank Him for the good services we have been having at the church here in Coalinga, Calif. Truly the presence of the Lord is in every service. Sometimes the preacher doesn't get to preach. I thank the Lord for our good pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister Stowers. They are humble servants of God.

We have a good Sunday School, eighty-six in attendance last Sunday. Oh thank the Lord, I feel more like going on with Him than ever before.

Dear ones, we are living in the last days when men are more lovers of pleasure than of God. Truly I find joy in serving my blessed Savior. I mean by His grace to go through. Pray for me and my husband to do what the Lord wants us to do, that we may be a blessing to others.

I am a member of the Church of God at Ranger, Tex. I thank the Lord that there is a band of real Church of God people here in Coalinga.—Mrs. Ora Fay Owens, Box 855.

Does the Lord Require Me To Pay Tithes?

REV. R. B. UNDERWOOD

Text: "Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings," Mal. 3:8.

THE BIBLE tells us that the love of money is the root of evil. It is an accepted fact in the lives of people that the money proposition is the most thought of, the subject that arouses more interest than any other subject that is discussed today. Most of the time in this day there is interest in some undertaking as long as the dollar remains. The dollar is being worshipped today as never before. Humanity is heaping for itself riches that will perish in the end. The Bible tells us that we are to have no other gods before Him. We are to serve only one God. One can hardly imagine the effect that would result if we at once were informed that what we hold in this world had lost its value. It may seem strange to say, but we actually own nothing in this world. Everything we use, the clothes we wear, the air we breathe, the food we eat and everything that comes to us is a direct blessing of God. We are only placed in this world as stewards of the things we use. We come to this world owning nothing and we certainly will leave this life as poor as the poorest as far as earthly holdings are concerned. An individual may be classed as being rich in this life, but when death takes its hold upon him he leaves this world a pauper. When death comes to the home to get his prey there is no one to keep him away. You may offer him thousands of dollars to stay away, but the grim monster will only smile and stalk into your room and seize your life and bear it away to eternity. It means much to work with an objective in this life that not only leaves footprints in this world but prepares you for the other life.

According to the teachings of the Bible, the tenth belongs to the Lord and His work. The individual's pocketbook is about the most difficult item he has to place on the altar. It has been said that when an individual puts his money on the altar, the individual himself is there too.

Giving needs no more apology than praying. In the Bible there are 1,539 passages for giving, while there are only 523 passages for prayer. I believe

that many times many people are very religious when it comes to praying and they can pray a prayer as long as your arm, one that will circumnavigate the whole earth. But when the collection plate is passed their vision is so far-reaching they cannot see the importance of it all.

Money is more than an economic question. It is a moral question. We forget many times that we are to give an account of how we use our means in this life. God has told us to be good stewards over that that He has allotted us.

Tithing begins with an adventure of faith and ends in a triumph of faith. Tithing is the most ancient and one of the most universal customs known to mankind. Tithing is not without promises as to what God will do for those who pay their tithes unto Him, for in His Word He tells us that if we give it shall be given to us. Then also He tells us to prove Him by giving tithes and offerings to see if He will not pour out from heaven a blessing that we are not able to contain. Tithing will give one an enlarged vision, a willing mind, a liberal heart, and a close relationship with Christ. Roger Babson says, "I have known a great many tithers, but I have failed to find one that felt he had lost anything by dedicating a part of his income to the Lord." The tithe is the minimum amount one should bring into the storehouse. Tithing should not be looked upon so much as a duty but as a privilege. The individual who has the strength and health whereby he can pay tithes and offerings unto the Lord, is indeed living a happy life. It is a privilege to know that one-tenth of what comes into our homes goes back to the Lord who gave it to carry His work through this world.

Some would think that the sinner is exempt from the duty of tithing. But out of every dollar that comes to an individual in this life ten cents belongs in God's work, regardless of whether or not the individual is a sinner. Every man and woman has this obligation to God and it should be paid to show the appreciation we have to God for letting us dwell in this world. The Bible tells us to bring all the tithes into the storehouse, and

when we fulfill the will of God in this respect we are putting ourselves in the place for the mercies and providences of God to be fulfilled in our lives.

If we live a life for Christ it must be a life of sacrifice. He sacrificed for us and we must sacrifice for Him. In an anonymous poem we have much truth given:

*He smoked cigars three times a day,
ten centers, too, at that,
Then gave a nickel to the church
when the deacon passed the hat.
She gave one cent for mission work,
then spent ten cents for gum,
Then really bowed her head and
prayed, "O Lord, thy kingdom
come."
They sat at home and wondered why
the church did not succeed.
She chewed her gum and couldn't
tell. He puzzled, and smoked his
weed.*

The individual who tithes will have at least six surprises. He will be surprised at:

1. The money he has for the Lord's work.
2. The ease of meeting his own obligations with the nine-tenths.
3. The deepening of his spiritual life by paying tithes.
4. The ease of going from one-tenth to a larger giving.
5. The preparations this gives to wise using of the balance.
6. Himself for not adopting the plan sooner.

Try paying tithes to the Lord and see if you will not prosper in every way.

Grateful

ALTOONA, Ala. — Dear Evangel family, I have been unable to answer by mail all of you who have written me in the past two years but I wish to say that I certainly thank each and every one of you for your many prayers and nice letters, also for your offerings, books, papers, or whatever you may have done in any way.

I am glad to report to you that my condition is greatly improved but I am unable to work any yet. May the blessings of God be yours. — John A. Seay.

Conventional Report of Evangelicals

HELD AT COLUMBUS, OHIO, APRIL 12-17, 1944

The second annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals closed with a banquet at the Deshler-Wallick Hotel with Dr. Walter A. Maier, of the "Lutheran Hour" as speaker. Following a stirring message in which Dr. Maier urged the evangelicals to be willing to suffer if needs be in order to forward the gospel, the entire body knelt in a closing period of prayer. Kneeling together, the group sang "Revive Us Again" and after a period of spontaneous prayer, united in singing "Spirit of the Living God, Fall Fresh on Me."

Dr. H. J. Ockenga presided at the banquet and installed the following officers who will serve throughout the year: President, Bishop Leslie R. Marston of the Free Methodist Church; First Vice-President, Dr. R. L. Decker, pastor of Temple Baptist Church of Kansas City, Missouri; Second Vice-President, Dr. J. Alvin Orr, professor at Erskine College in Due West, South Carolina, of the Reformed Presbyterian Church; Secretary, J. Willison Smith, Jr., prominent lawyer of Philadelphia; Treasurer, Herbert J. Taylor, president of the Club Aluminum Company of Chicago.

The program each day commenced with a prayer service at 7:00 and an inspirational devotional service at Memorial Hall at 8:45, opening the sessions of the day in the convention hall. Preliminary conferences on the Sunday School movement and on radio had brought about two hundred national leaders together two or three days before the convention opened. Interest ran high over plans for aggressive work during the year.

The highest point of interest during the convention centered around evangelism. For two days there were sessions on all phases of this program. Dr. Dan Iverson, of the Shenandoah Presbyterian Church of Miami, opened the congress with an address as chairman of the Evangelism Committee. Rev. Archer Anderson, of Duluth, Minnesota, spoke on the possibilities of greatly increasing week-day religious education work throughout the nation. Rev. Don Householder, of Los Angeles, gave a "call to action" that stirred everyone in the convention. Mr. Charles E. Gremmels, a leading Chris-

tian business man of the nation, and president of the Durham Navigation Company of New York, gave a practical message on personal soul-winning and tract distribution.

In the evening on Thursday, Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day, of Sunnyvale, California, author of "Bush Aglow," and other religious "best-sellers," brought an inimitable message on "Barak in Buckskins," the life and service of Dr. Charles G. Finney. This was followed by a strong appeal for evangelism by Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., of Cleveland, Tenn., known for almost half a century in the evangelistic field.

On Friday, Chaplain Charles J. Anderson, of the Arma Corporation of New York, told of the wonderful possibilities for the future in industrial chaplaincies. Mr. Clyde Dennis, of Chicago, Illinois, gave concrete suggestions on the preparation and distribution of attractive and helpful tracts for all types of work. Mr. Alfred Kunz, of New York, has been most successful in his work of distribution of Testaments and tracts among all service men who ask for literature. He is permitted access to the camps and has assisted in the distribution of millions of Testaments. Five million have been distributed by the Gideons also.

Mr. C. O. Baptista, of Chicago, who has unique sermons in moving picture films for meetings for boys and girls, as well as on various topics of interest to adults, gave several practical demonstrations of this art and its possibilities during the convention.

Mr. C. Stacey Woods, of Chicago, Illinois, leader of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, at work on hundreds of campuses of our colleges and universities, spoke most helpfully on Youth Evangelism. The subject of Child Evangelism in our cities, particularly among boys and girls not especially churched, was presented by Mr. D. E. Wisner of Kansas City, Missouri. Dr. R. A. Forrest, president of Toccoa Falls Institute and pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Toccoa, Georgia, gave a most inspiring message.

Concurrently with the evangelism group meetings and discussions, were six work-study groups on education. Three were relative to Christian in-

stitutions and were under the direction of Dr. Stephen W. Paine, president of Houghton College. Other speakers were Dr. Robert C. McQuilken, president of Columbia Bible College, and Dr. William E. Rutgers, of Calvin College. Accrediting, credentials, methods of engaging highly trained teachers and other important matters relating to seminaries and Christian colleges were discussed. Three group meetings on church school activities were under the general direction of Dr. Clarence S. Benson, of Chicago. The chairman led the study group on the training of teachers for church school work. Rev. Harold Garner, of Chicago, had charge of the discussion of week-day religious education, promotion, and curriculum. Dr. Clarence Van Der Veen led the discussion of vacation school possibilities, and Rev. C. V. Egermeier, chairman of Sunday School work in the Chicago area, led a highly satisfactory conference on that field.

On Friday evening, Mr. R. T. Harbo, Inspector under the Federal Bureau of Investigation, told a large audience at Memorial Hall of conditions at the present time in our country and of the reasons for the crime wave now exercising religious and educational leaders of the country. He traced it to a lack of real home life, discipline in the home, church attendance and proper playground and other recreational facilities. He urged church leaders to assume responsibility for a careful investigation of law enforcement agencies, recreational and social service facilities, truancy in school due to shifts in population, but most of all, for developing a consciousness among adults of the need for respect for law and moral standards.

Following Mr. Harbo's address, Dr. Harold John Ockenga, of Boston, gave a most graphic presentation of actual conditions in the Boston area, and of efforts made by Park Street Church to win the service men for Christ. There followed reports from all sections of the country where regional leaders of the National Association are carrying forward highly satisfactory programs of evangelism, conferences, and setting up regional offices. It is highly

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TESTIMONIES

Divinely Healed of T. B.

ROME, Ga.—On last March 19, 1943, the doctor told me that I had T. B. It seemed that the bottom had dropped out of my world and I could hardly believe it. I saw my X-ray and it certainly didn't look good at all. The doctor told me I would have to go to bed. He said I must go to Alto and stay until I was well. I had a two-year-old son and it seemed more than I could bear to leave him, but I tried to keep up my courage and left for Alto on April 8, 1943.

I had been saved for almost three years but it seemed that I had grown cold and indifferent and I wasn't close to God like I needed to be. After I went to Alto and was separated from my baby and loved ones I seemed to really take stock of my life and I think I saw myself as God must have seen me. I began to pray and study my Bible. I have some cousins and several friends who belong to the Church of God and they believed that God could and would heal me. They were earnestly praying for me, and just knowing that they were praying for me seemed to give me more faith. I have always known that God could heal but I didn't have the faith that I needed when I went to Alto.

I began to pray and ask God for a chance to get away from Alto and to get to people who had faith in divine healing and who would pray for me. God answered my prayers in a strange way, some might say. My jaw tooth decayed and was giving me a lot of pain. They gave me a six-day leave of absence to come home and have my tooth pulled. I came home and I went to the North Rome Church of God where they were having a revival. I was so weak and sick when I left home that night that my cousin almost had to carry me out to the car. I could hardly stand up as I walked to the altar that night. I asked the people there to pray for me. They really did pray and the Lord healed me. Praise His sweet and holy name. I felt the healing power go through my lung and I knew the Lord had healed me. I was so happy and still am. I ran up a flight of stairs that night when I went home. I surely wasn't able to do that when I left home that same night. That was on the night of

August 3. I shall never forget that date.

I went back to Alto and got my things on August 6, 1943. The head nurse where I was tried to discourage me but I knew I was healed, so I put down on my record that the Lord had healed me and came back home to my baby and loved ones.

I cannot thank God enough for what He has done for me. I keep house, do all of my work and care for my two-and-one-half-year-old son. I also have a girl boarder. I have gained about twenty pounds. I was very thin when I was healed but I am gaining every day. God is able to do all things if we trust Him. Since I was healed I have received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. I am a member of the Church of God. I am happy in the Lord and I want to do something for Him. He has done so much for me, bless His sweet name. Dear friends, if you are sick and discouraged and feel that you will never be well, just look to Jesus. He is able and willing to do all things for you. No matter what is wrong with you, Jesus is able to heal you. I do pray that this may be a blessing and inspiration to some sick and discouraged person. May God bless you and keep you always is my prayer.—Mrs. Eva Jo Williams, 6 Couper St., Rt. 2.

A Wonderful Healing

Sister Pearl Self had been sick a long time with leakage of the heart. I was warned to go. I got there and death was on her. She had gone to sleep. The Bible had come before her. Everything was dark to her; it came back again and it was dark. The third time it came it opened in Revelation. God gave her a message to deliver. She said, "I want all my brothers and sisters to be here." She talked as hard as she could. I asked them at Childersburg, Ala., church to pray for her, she was dying. She said there was nothing she had done for her to suffer like that; she was suffering for others. She said she wanted to talk to her unsaved loved ones and she got to talk to them. She warned them to live right. She said, "It is worth living a Christian life." She said she was ready to die. She would sink and we would pray, "Lord, give her strength to tell

the message." At four o'clock Wednesday morning her brothers and sisters had all arrived. We let her know we were all there. She said, "Now pray." The room was full and all began to pray. Thank God, it is so wonderful. I feel God's power while I am writing this. Everyone was crying. Her husband was sitting at her back holding her up. We would raise the window for her to breathe; the death rattles had started. She said, "I want to shake hands with every one of you. When I deliver the message I will fall asleep in Jesus, a peaceful sleep." Some were dancing in the Spirit. I looked around and saw one of my sisters laughing in the Spirit. I knew God was going to come on the scene. She had talked to everyone but her husband; he was last. She said, "I have already talked to you. You are a good moral man but you need to be born again." She said she had a cross on her heart and it was tearing both ways. It looked like she was going away. Her husband said, "If God will spare you I will be saved," and He came with the mighty power. Her face was so bright and her eyes were shining. She praised God and said the pain was gone. She is still praising God. She received the Holy Ghost before I did. She has been lots of help to me. This has made me stronger in the Lord. One woman said she had heard of miracles but that was the first one she had seen.—Her sister, Alma Cockrell, Childersburg, Ala.

Soldier Thankful for Good Reading Material

Dear Sirs, it is with much joy that you have showered us with another large quantity of your valuable magazine. These are being distributed for the Master's honor and prayers offered that the boys shall be won closer to God.

Soldiers are very anxious for reading material and I firmly believe your magazine is of the best to be placed in their hands. Leisure time profitably spent in the army will bring big dividends later on, especially spiritual redeeming.

From the heart, I personally thank you for your Christian love in our behalf. Isn't it grand to be a Christian?—Sincerely, Pvt. John Haupt, 569 M. P. E. Co., P. O. W. C., Camp Maxey, Texas.

The only abiding place Christ has is where faith abides.

Are Your Boys Coming Back From the War?

REV. PAUL BROWN

Probably most parents would answer substantially as follows: "Our boys have gone out to preserve our priceless liberties at any cost. They must take the chances of war." We would like to bring forward and discuss briefly another answer, as follows: The return of the Service men with life and a good measure of health, can be generally assured by persistent, believing prayer on the part of their parents and friends and themselves.

The first answer given above is no doubt generally accepted. In a notice of a recent book: "God Is My Co-Pilot," by Col. Robert L. Scott, a deeply Christian fighting pilot of this war, the reviewer remarks: "The faith of these fighting men confers no immunity from the law that governs the bullet's flight or the riddled gas tank." With this we take issue. United prayer of loving Christian family and friends, whose very lives are bound up in their boys, will bring a favorable answer. "Is anything too hard for me? saith Jehovah." The above reviewer, only eight lines beyond his statement which we have quoted, gives us two verses from the 139th Psalm, "If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, even there shall thy hand lead me and thy right hand shall hold me." Who will dare to say that the right hand of the Almighty cannot hold men in danger no matter how great? One air pilot gave God the credit for his miraculous escape: "I was in a flaming plane and I prayed."

An officer in the first World War gives this account of God's willingness and ability to save men from shot and shell when they will pray. A German machine gun crew had their gun trained on an angle of our trenches where troops frequently passed back and forth, and the casualties were many. As a last resort, volunteers were called; for to storm the gun in the open. Fifteen men volunteered. They themselves could see at a glance that most if not all of them must die. Even if they succeeded in silencing the gun, they could scarcely escape the hail of lead that would follow them back to their lines. The young officer appointed to lead them, a chum of the one reporting the incident, before going over, addressed the volunteers as fol-

lows: "Men, I am a Christian. Before every undertaking I pray. Those of you who are willing, kneel with me and pray about this one." Then he uncovered his head and, kneeling, prayed, asking God to spare their lives, but if any must go, that their souls might be saved. When he rose from his knees he noted that every man of them had knelt with uncovered head. Then they went over the top and raced for the machine gun nest amid a hail of lead and steel. They overcame the gun crew, tore up the gun and took it with them as they ran back to their trenches—not a man missing or seriously wounded. To the men looking on it was a miracle indeed. None among them will ever say that the day of miracles is past. God has not withdrawn His "exceeding great and precious promises."

During that same war a movement was started in the West among the mothers of Service men. They met in little neighborhood groups on a morning of each week to pray together for their boys. We do not know how far this movement spread, but the last report we saw of it announced that it was a matter of record that every boy whose mother was a member of one of these praying groups, came home.

The widow in Christ's parable (Luke 18:1-8) plead persistently with the unjust judge, "Avenge me of my adversary." To get rid of her, the harassed judge complied; and Jesus added, "Shall not God avenge his own elect which cry day and night unto him? I tell you he will avenge them speedily." Just so will the Lord answer the persistent prayers of His followers, praying desperately for the safety of those whose lives are dearer to them than their own. Do not doubt that He will. There must be a hundred promises in the Bible that would cover such a case as that. These groups of praying mothers fulfilled three of the great conditions of answered prayers; First, UNITED prayer (Matt. 18:19); second, PERSISTENT prayer (See Luke 11:5-8);

third, EARNESTNESS, "with all your heart" (Jer. 29:13). A fourth condition was undoubtedly present; namely, their request was within the will of God. He says, "The generation (children) of the upright shall be blest," Psa. 112:2. This does not mean that the young sons of His servants who love Him shall be slain in battle by His will, except perhaps in rare cases. But don't overlook James 4:2, "Ye have not because ye ask not." The promise is not "Want" or "Weep and ye shall receive"; but "ASK and ye shall receive." Never forget that natural law takes its own course until it is interfered with by the prayers and faith of Christians; and this includes casualties by reason of accidents, contagion, infection, and weapons or other violence of war on land, water or in the air. God warns us to, "Above all take the shield of FAITH hereby ye shall be able to quench ALL THE FIERY DARTS of the wicked," Eph. 6:16. In Proverbs 29:25 we read, "Whoso trusteth in the Lord is SAFE."

Captain Eddie Rickenbacker has been proving these promises true through two wars. David proved them when hunted for several years by the relentless King Saul with an army to do his bidding. We read frequently of astounding escapes from what seemed certain death. We believe that inquiry would reveal that behind nine-tenths of these cases was a little group, consisting generally of those who love them best, who, knowing the dangers they face frequently, were praying desperately for their safety. Prayers that will not be denied get unbelievable answers. Jesus said, "If two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that ye shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven." Don't doubt the promises of God. Pick out one or more that apply, then stand firmly upon them before the Lord and you shall have JOY instead of sorrow.

NOTE: 2 Samuel, chapter 22, is the warrior's chapter.

If we would keep Christ in our souls we must keep the world closed out.

He who puts his trust in God is running no risk of being deceived.

REPORTS

The Iowa Prayer Conference as I See It

By REV. M. V. MUNDELL

The Iowa prayer conference had its first session in the month of November, 1943. So far as we know, the idea of such a conference originated in Iowa, the state where the "tall corn grows." This idea has reached other states and has been carried out and proved to be a great blessing and inspiration.

We have just closed our third prayer conference at Knoxville, with almost a hundred per cent ministerial attendance, besides many laymen. Every Christian is or should be keenly aware of the need of prayer, Bible study, and waiting upon God in these critical hours. Especially the ministry should feel this, whom the Holy Ghost has made overseers "to feed the Church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."

A good spirit prevailed throughout the entire conference. God's presence was manifested in a special way, especially at two of the morning meetings. The Lord surely knows what His people need. He filled us with the joy of His presence; folk were crying, shouting, and dancing in the Spirit. The next morning was a time of breaking up from the sense of His presence and of His goodness to us. How well He said He would take away the stony heart and give us a heart of flesh, one in which He could dwell and move by His Spirit.

Brother Lemuell Johnson, overseer of Minnesota, was present and led us, assisted by Brother Goins, in some good and instructive Bible study. He also gave a very inspiring message on "Spiritual Saboteurs."

The matter of transportation to the Annual Assembly for Iowa ministers was considered. Almost sufficient funds were pledged to engage a chartered bus. We are hoping one will be available.

An Old-Time, Pentecostal Revival at Lawton, Okla.

We praise God for the way He is blessing us here in good old Lawton, Oklahoma. I search the Evangel for a word from Oklahoma each time our paper comes, but fail to find any. Since God has blessed us here

this year, I feel that I should not hold my peace.

Well, if you hear some one say something like this, "We cannot have a revival like we used to; I do not see the signs following holiness like we used to; we need to get back to Pentecost," etc., and sometimes, "The Church is going down," brother, it is a mistake; she is going up. I have heard some of our preachers in the pulpit say, "The saints are getting so formal, the church has compromised so," etc. Well, any church isn't going to rise above its pastor. I am talking about spiritually; but my Bible says, "Say not thou, what is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning these." If you could have been here in our revival, you would have said as others did, "I never saw the like before," or, "This beats anything I ever saw," etc. Older saints said, "This is like it was twenty and twenty-five years ago when we came this way."

Brother and Sister R. D. Cook came and started us a revival. God began to bless the first night, and continued for two weeks. Very little preaching was done. The Holy Ghost took charge. Messages were given out and interpreted. Men and women, boys and girls were slain under the mighty power of God. Some did not get to the altar, but were slain under the power and came up talking in tongues. We certainly do praise God for Brother and Sister Cook. They are so humble and such good singers. What I mean by that is, they sing with the inspiration of the Holy Ghost.

There were forty experiences, and believe me, when they got saved, you could tell it; in fact, they would tell it. The same way when they got sanctified. Some one asked me what I was going to do with all the tobacco that was left under the altar. One said, "Brother Pennington, I see now what you mean by sanctification, a second work of grace." Well sir, we had part of all the other holiness churches coming every night. I have never seen any more unity than we had here at the Church of God during the revival. Every one said they felt the love, unity, and fellowship as much or more than they did at their own

churches. If you want to know what I think, I believe that was the main cause for so great a revival. Every one put his beliefs down and sang, shouted, danced, prayed and worked for lost souls. As for going back to Pentecost, as some say, I believe that when all the holiness people get to where they can come together and work for the lost and perishing, and care more for them than they do their pet ideas, then God will save the sinners; but He will never as long as churches fight one another. I thank God for the good saints in all the churches here in Lawton, also their pastors. We have around twenty-six pastors of different faiths here in Lawton, that belong to the Ministerial Alliance, and I have never seen that large a group co-operate any better than we do here. Pray for us. We have the best and sweetest saints here, I haven't heard a word since we came, only something good. —Fraternally, L. C. Pennington, pastor.

GARDENDALE, Ala.—I praise the Lord for the great success we are having here. Praise God, we have raised over \$500 and spent it on improvements for the church. We raised \$61 on one Sunday evening. God is surely blessing. We praise Him for His wondrous healing power. We have had several healed under His mighty power. We bought a piano and benches for the church and gave \$100 cash for them. We have a fine church. Thank God! He said if He be for us who could be against us.

We desire the prayers of every one. We have had two communion services. —E. V. Goodwin, pastor, Rt. 1.

IRON CITY, Ga.—The Church of God at Iron City has just closed a two weeks' revival, which was enjoyed by both saints and sinners. The church was greatly revived. One was saved. There was great conviction in every service. We thank God for our faithful pastor and wife, Brother James Williams, who were in charge. Brother and Sister Garvice Herring were also with us four nights, for which we thank God. We hope to begin another revival soon and expect greater things from God. Pray for our church, that the Lord will continue to bless us.—Hazel Brooks.

If we would walk over the thorns and stony places we must wear the gospel shoes.

DISTRICT CONVENTIONS

Gainesville, Ga., District Convention

We have just closed one of the most successful district conventions ever held on the Gainesville district. The power and presence of God was felt from the beginning throughout the convention.

We regretted so much that our beloved state overseer, Rev. A. V. Beabe, was sick and unable to be with us. We missed him so much. The "big little man," Rev. Joe R. Little, our state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, brought two inspiring messages. He surely preaches holiness in the old-time way. We all love and appreciate him very much.

Our district overseer, Rev. H. M. Duck, brought a wonderful message, which was enjoyed by all. We also had messages which were enjoyed very much, by the following ministers on the district: Rev. Noah Ridgeway, of Monroe; Rev. J. L. Helms, of Duluth; Rev. Clyde Mangum, of Spring Creek; Rev. H. R. Appling, of Lynch's Chapel, and the local pastor.

The orphanage and mission offerings were good, for which we give God all the praise. We are expecting to organize several new churches on the district before the Assembly as we have some good prospects. All ministers and laymembers are encouraged to do our best for God's cause the remainder of this Assembly year.—R. T. Wilson, Box 61, Lawrenceville, Ga.

St. Joseph, Mo., District Convention

The St. Joseph, Mo., district convention of the Church of God convened in the City Hall Auditorium in Chillicothe, Mo., April 28-30. God set His approval on the convention from the opening service, and throughout the convention His presence was felt. This was the first district convention to convene in Chillicothe.

Brother E. O. Byington, our good district overseer, had a well-arranged program that seemed to contain the things we needed most. Surely God was leading in this convention and bringing out the great need of evangelism to us. The singing, music, and preaching was among the very best that we have ever been privileged to hear in a convention.

The orphanage and mission offerings more than doubled the offerings of a year ago, the mission offering

being \$201.20, and the orphanage offering, \$60.37. Three churches and one mission were represented at the convention.

We deeply appreciate the help of Brother and Sister G. R. Watson, state overseer, and Brother and Sister E. H. Miles, state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, in this convention. We attribute the success of the convention, most of all, to the One who makes all good things possible. To God be the glory forever and ever. Amen.—Earl T. Golden, Chillicothe pastor; Vera Raye Reece, convention clerk.

Welch, W. Va., District Convention

Brother S. B. McCane has an infectious spirit of joy and enthusiasm that radiates from him like the sun of a spring morning. It was this spontaneous joy that pervaded our district convention from its beginning at seven-thirty on April 27, at the church in Bradshaw, W. Va., with Brother McCane directing devotions. When devotions were over Brother E. P. Musick gave us a welcome to his church for the convention. Then when Brothers Ova Combs, M. E. Parks, Earl Curry, and Sister Daisy Nancy had finished their responses we felt welcome indeed. We sang "Columbia the Gem of the Ocean" as a tribute to our flag and they who gave it to us to hold in trust, and then we were ready for the message. Brother Brummett, our district overseer, in his brother-prefering, modest way had left himself off the program, but two speakers failed to appear and Brother Simmons gave their time to him. One listener said, "Most preachers build up to a climax and gradually work down, but he continued climaxes through it all." The first service was over and the convention spirit had us in its grip.

Saturday morning greeted us with a lovely spring day, which enhanced the convention spirit and helped us to appreciate the goodness of the Lord. After another thrilling devotional service and a thirty-minute symposium, Brother A. J. Cox prepared us for greater effort with his message, "The Evangelistic Task." Brother J. K. DeGolyer supported it and continued to animate us with "Watchman, What of the Night?" and perhaps the most talked about message of the conven-

tion followed in Brother C. R. Simmons' "Power for Service."

There was a chicken dinner by the local L.W.W.B., a rest period, another lifting devotional and Brother J. C. McClendon, with his convincing voice and manner, answered the question, "What Is Man?" Then to finish a wonderful day, our good state overseer, Brother E. L. Simmons, led us out into the future with "The Millennium and the Golden Age To Come."

Sunday brought us another smiling morning—the kind that makes one want to find someone with whom to shake hands and talk, and sing, and pray. When we had been refreshed by another great devotional and the pastors had brought their good reports, our superintendent of Sunday School and Y.P.E., Brother C. E. French, brought us another of his many timely and appropriate lectures, "A Progressive Y.P.E. and Sunday School." Again our state overseer came, bubbling over with the mission spirit, and told us about "Missions in the Present and Post-War World." This brought a mission offering that exceeded anything in the State so far.

And so passed another milestone in the history of the Church of God in West Virginia, on the Welch district. It was a grand occasion.—A. B. Dixon, Wilcoe, W. Va.

Stonefield, Miss., District Convention

A few days before the Stonefield district convention date a hailstorm swept over the northern part of our district that cost several thousand dollars, but we had a wonderful convention because God was with us. Our Friday night service came on with five churches failing to report. The Goodwill Church of God was well represented and rendered some special singing. The evangelist, Sister Daisy Richardson, was the evangelistic speaker for the night. Our district pastor, E. L. Newton, was at his best and we were feeling at home the first night. Our aged ministers' offering was \$28.27.

Our Saturday night service brought all churches to the convention with the Oak Grove district pastor, D. G. Bozeman, with his fine singers, and after a visit with our orphanages by M. L. Muse an offering was received of \$100. Brother Bozeman was the evangelistic speaker for the night. We felt just like we were in an old-time

convention.

In our Sunday morning service we enjoyed a timely message by T. H. Williams on Sunday School and its work. Our state overseer was our speaker for the day and brought a fine message. Our mission offering was \$469.10. The evening service was enjoyed and held in honor of our boys in Service and a prayer for national peace. We returned home feeling like traveling on and we are encouraged to press forward.—M. L. Muse, reporter.

Sunday School and Y.P.E. Convention, Pittsburg, Kansas

The Pittsburg Sunday School and Y.P.E. convention convened at Weir, Kansas, with Brother W. R. Collins, state superintendent, in charge. God met with us in a wonderful way from the very beginning. We were blessed with a wonderful message from the state Y.P.E. and Sunday School superintendent, Brother W. R. Collins, on Friday night at the opening service of the convention. Also some good singing was rendered by the quartet from the Weir church.

Brother T. A. Perkins, pastor of the Church of God at Kansas City, brought a soul-stirring message at the Saturday night service, and an orphanage offering was taken to the amount of \$200. The three churches on this district, with less than a hundred active members in all three, made possible this good offering, each church bringing a special offering to the convention. I feel like saying, Hurrah for Kansas! This is the largest orphanage offering ever taken in Kansas, and the first year to have state Sunday School and Y.P.E. conventions separate from the regular district conventions.

The convention closed with the Sunday morning service, with a message by the district pastor, Brother W. C. Howard. After service an old-time basket lunch was served by the church of Weir.—W. C. Howard, reporter.

Pontiac Dedicates Honor Roll and Service Flag

On February 27, the Church of God at Pontiac, Mich., had an all-day service. The morning service was a Sunday School rally. The Sunday School rendered a rally day program. Rev. Walter Pettitt, state Y.P.E. and S. S. supt., delivered the message. The afternoon was given to a Fellowship

Dallas, Tex., District Convention

The convention for the Dallas district convened at the Dallas church, March 10-12. Churches on the district represented at the convention were Celina, Rev. J. W. Hume, pastor; Sherman, Rev. H. L. Simms, pastor; Ennis, Rev. G. W. Alford, pastor; Dallas No. 2, Rev. Clay Horn, pastor; and Dallas No. 1, Rev. J. C. Thompson, pastor.

The convention was under the management of Rev. T. W. Godwin, state overseer, and Rev. J. C. Thompson, district overseer. Music and song services were under the direction of Sister Mary Burnett, H. L. Simms, V. A. Wilson, and Sister Mildred Warner. Special songs were rendered by the Dallas Quartet, Ft. Worth Duet, Sister Artie Pole, and others. Speakers of the convention were Rev. T. W. Godwin, Rev. J. C. Thompson, Rev. H. L. Simms, Rev. and Sister E. P. Williams, Rev. Clay Horn, and Rev. L. A. Baker, from the Paris district.

The convention seemingly reached

its high peak in the Sunday morning service. After a good message by the state overseer, a mission offering was taken. The Lord blessed in a special way, souls were made to rejoice, and hearts were opened to the need of the foreign fields. An offering of \$1,008.62 was taken. We feel grateful to the Lord for His divine presence through the entire convention.

The picture shown below was taken on Sunday morning of the convention. We have just recently purchased a nice brick church building, with eight Sunday School rooms, a pastor's study, also a large educational building. We purchased this property at what is considered a reasonable price, \$17,500.00. It is located in Oak Cliff near Stamps Music Company, one of the best locations for a church in this city.

We wish to thank the Lord for helping us make this progress, and trust that in the future we might do more for Him to keep this great work going on.—Lola Roberson.



service. A number of visiting ministers were present as well as many special singers, including the E. Detroit Girls' Quartet.

The evening service was dedicated to our boys in Service, at which time the Service Flag and Honor Roll were dedicated.

We were honored in having Rev. Paul H. Walker, our state overseer, and family with us for the entire day, who were a great blessing to us. The offering received during the afternoon and evening services was given to the building fund in honor of our boys in

Service. The offering amounted to \$3,187.43, and is still mounting.

This day will long be remembered, not only because of the great offering but of the wonderful Spirit of God in our midst. Plans are being made at present for the erection of a new church building.

The lots for the new building have been purchased and paid for and we have secured a large amount of the needed materials. We are grateful to God for His goodness to us. Pray for us at Pontiac.—Brady Dennis, pastor.

RELIGION AND THE WORLD

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get my gasoline coupons promptly. Not until I had made two trips to the office did I get my coupons.

"When I visited the Oakland County office, I said to Diebel:

"I presume you have heard that I won my second appeal."

"He replied with the following words:

"Yes, I know you won your appeal, but just wait until next time, and I will show you who is running this county."

Even then, although I had won my appeal, it was necessary for me to return a third time and sit all afternoon in the OPA office, neglecting my pastoral calls and the cries of the sick in order to receive my ration of gasoline, which had been granted to me by the Appeal Board.

"About the first of October, 1943, I made my next application for gasoline. It is needless for me to review the experiences I have had in the last two months except to say that I have written numerous letters, filled out numerous forms, and made seven trips to the OPA headquarters. I not only have not received my gasoline ration, but I have been unable to get even a reply from the Board or a conference with Diebel.

"What has been the result of this red tape, arrogance, stupidity and antichristian attitude on the part of the OPA? Not only have I been deprived of my gasoline ration, but in order to bury the dead and preach the gospel and call on the mothers of newborn babes and comfort the loved ones of the wounded and killed men in the Armed Services, it has been necessary for me to violate the rules and accept the generosity of my parishioners as respects gasoline.

"This can mean but one thing: That as a gospel preacher I have had to risk ten years in prison in order to be true to my people because of the tyranny of the OPA headed by Diebel who seemed to delight in saying: 'The sooner the churches are closed up, the better off we will be.'"

THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST

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fore James said to pray the prayer of faith. Jude said to earnestly contend for the "faith" that was "once" delivered to the saints, proving that the Church had weakened considerably in

faith at that time.

Peter healed by laying on hands, without one word of prayer, and his own shadow healed the sick and he said this was for you and your children and for as many as the Lord shall call.

REPORT OF EVANGELICALS

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probable that within the next year there will be regional offices throughout the country, with full time secretaries and an aggressive program carried on in all of them.

A budget of \$75,000 for the national work was presented and \$32,000 was raised within a few minutes, in the form of pledges from individuals and organizations.

Several radio conferences were climaxed in the interest shown in a panel discussion of a world survey of radio looking forward to gospel broadcasting throughout the world after the war. Sixty delegates met for a 7:00 o'clock breakfast and followed the discussion with keenest interest.

Plans for post-war rehabilitation along the lines of spiritual, as well as physical ministrations were introduced by Rev. J. Elwin Wright, of Boston, in his address as Field Secretary of the National Association, and were discussed and plans formulated at later meetings. Dr. Ockenga will take an active part in preparation for a great missionary relief program immediately after the war. Plans are already being made by affiliated denominations and missionary societies.

Three important measures were adopted in relation to the Sunday School movement. First, that a new uniform series of evangelical lessons be established and that the National Association favor the establishment of such a series. Secondly, that the independent publishers invite official representatives of the National Association of Evangelicals and of the American Council, the Southern Baptist denomination and others, to meet them on June 1 for the purpose of initiating such a series. Thirdly, that the National Association shall initiate a new Sunday School movement in this country, reviving the Sunday School convention, teacher training and other features.

Dr. Walter Kallenbach, the blind evangelist from Philadelphia, and Mr. Howard W. Farrin, president of the Providence Bible Institute, gave addresses that were highly appreciated.

The closing Sunday address was

given by Dr. Paul Rees, of the Covenant Tabernacle Church of Minneapolis, and was a masterpiece on the claims of the Lord Jesus Christ and of His ability to fulfill those claims in peace of heart and power for service for all who accept His claims and His invitation.

Business sessions on Monday, April 17, completed the roster of officers, the Board of Administration, and the findings of the various active committees. The missionary program of the nation received careful attention; a gospel broadcasters' association is in the process of formation, to be affiliated with the National Association. Recommendations for the protection of our national principle of separation of church and state were adopted, and social and moral reforms were urged. Among other measures taken, it was urged that army and navy authorities should not require chaplains to perform any acts which are contrary to the dictates of their conscience in the pursuit of duty.

After a stirring address by Dr. Walter Maier, the convention at Columbus was closed, as it began, with a period of earnest prayer for wisdom, for the aid and protection of God in our national emergency, and for a great spiritual revival throughout the world.—Dale Cryderman, Public Relations, National Association of Evangelicals.

No one has such good company as he who is walking with God.

SUNDAY SCHOOL LITERATURE

We thank the Sunday Schools for a great and timely response to our appeal last quarter to send cash with their orders for literature. Around 95 per cent of orders were accompanied with cash for literature. This saved us days of labor in our book-keeping department. The increase in sales for the past quarter were beyond all expectation. We are, however, making an extraordinary increase in the amount of literature we are preparing for the third quarter. It is gratifying to know that our Sunday Schools are on the increase despite "gas ration" and that many families have moved to other cities. Please favor us with cash with your order again this quarter, unless this would work a hardship on your school. May God make your schools to grow and grow.—Editor.

Divine Healing Is Inseparably Linked With Salvation in the Word of God

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and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." Please note how closely the confession and forgiveness of sins is associated with the healing of the body in the passages that I have just read to you. "If ye have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him." "Confess your faults one to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed." The sick are definitely commanded to call for the elders of the church to come and pray for them. Failure on your part, my suffering friend, to call for prayer when you are sick, is to disobey the plain command of God's Word.

In the scriptural teaching concerning the communion service, the Apostle Paul states in 1 Cor. 11, "For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep" (meaning the sleep of death). The previous verse and the context make it plain that failure to discern the meaning of the difference between the broken body and the shed blood of the Lord is responsible for the above mentioned sickness and death. The scripture is plain that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin. If we properly understand the Bible we can also find that the body of our Lord and Savior was completely broken for our healing. Isa. 53:5 says, "With his stripes we are healed." Jesus bore the scourging and the crown of thorns and the smiting with the rod and the picking out of His beard with all its accompanying agony, so that you, my suffering friend, might look to Jesus with an eye of faith and appropriate healing for your physical body.

It is stated that "Christ our pass-over is sacrificed for us." You will remember from the story of the pass-over in Egypt that the blood of the lamb was sprinkled on the doorposts and lintel of the door for the safety of those that were in the house, and the body of that lamb was eaten that night for the health and strength of the people preparatory to their exodus from Egypt. It was while the Apostle Paul was preaching at Lystra that a crippled man who had never

walked was instantly healed. When Paul saw that he had faith to be healed, he said with a loud voice, "Stand upright on thy feet," and he leaped and walked.

My dear listening shut-in friend, do you know that there is nothing impossible with God? and that "all things are possible to him that believeth"? Why not give yourself fully over to God—spirit, soul and body. Believe His Word. Call for prayer, that you may be healed. We who are conducting this broadcast are willing to do all that is in our power to help you to find the Lord as your healer as well as your Savior. Now may God bless this message to every listener, but especially to every sick or suffering one.

OBITUARIES

CANOEY

In loving memory of our mother, Mrs. Mary Canoy, who passed away April 10, 1944; fifty-eight years, five months and seven days. She was a member of South Shady Grove Church of God.—Mrs. C. N. White, daughter, Rt. 2, Indianola, Miss.

LYONS

Amzy Lyons, a faithful member of the Church of God at Chetopa, Kans., went to be with Jesus April 26, 1944; age seventy-six years, two months and six days.—John Longworth, Jr., pastor.

BROWN

In memory of our dear sister, Mrs. Mary A. Locke Brown, who departed this life to be with Jesus, March 20, 1944; age twenty-one years and seven months.—Her pastor, R. E. Crowley, Johnstown, Pa.

ARNOLD

Annie Ruth Arnold departed this life April 15, 1944, to be with Jesus; age fifteen years. She was sick all her life and bedfast ten years.—Her mother, Mrs. G. C. Arnold, Box 174, Woodruff, S. C.

LOCKHART

In remembrance of my dear brother, Tech. Sergeant Clyde F. Lockhart, who was killed in action over Frankfurt, Germany. He was born March 14, 1917, and died January 29, 1944. Pray for my dear bereaved mother.—Mrs. Ova Combs, Box 25, Jim, W. Va.

KEELEY

Sister Cornelia Keeley departed this life May 8, 1944. The church at Grand Ledge, Mich., extends its sympathy to her husband during his hour of sorrow.—W. T. Truett, district pastor.

HAGA

In memory of our little daughter, Carrie Lois Haga, who died May 16, 1943. She is greatly missed by family and friends.—Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Haga, formerly of Chilhowie, Va.

RASH

Sister Allie Rash, a faithful member of the Church of God at Brodhead, Ky., departed this life April 7, 1944.—Jim Bishop, clerk, Rt. 2, Brodhead, Ky.

MURPHY

Our sister in Christ, Mary Alice Murphy, has gone home to her Lord. She was seventy-one years old and had been a member of the Church of God a number of years.—Paul Yates, pastor, Palatka, Fla.

STEVENS-REED

Our precious son, Nathan Stevens, age fifteen years, and our two nephews, J. Nell Reed, age fourteen years, and Steve Reed, Jr., age nineteen years, were killed in a car wreck April 3, 1944. They were all cousins. Our hearts are broken. We cannot understand why this had to happen, but God knows best.—Brother and Sister E. J. Stevens, Rev. and Mrs. James O. Edgeworth, Brother Lewis Chamblee, Sister Claudia Gay Chamblee, William and Ola Mae Stevens, Quinton, Ala.

LEDFORD

Sister Minnie Smith Ledford, wife of Brother Omer B. Ledford, passed away February 16, 1944, at Carrollton, Ohio. She was formerly a member of the Shooting Creek, N. C., Church of God, the place of her former residence, and was a faithful member until death.—Glover P. Ledford, former pastor.

CHANCE

Little Edna Louise Chance, infant daughter of Brother and Sister J. S. Chance, went to be with Jesus March 30, 1944. Pray for the heartbroken parents.—Mrs. E. E. Pittman, clerk, Pensacola, Fla.

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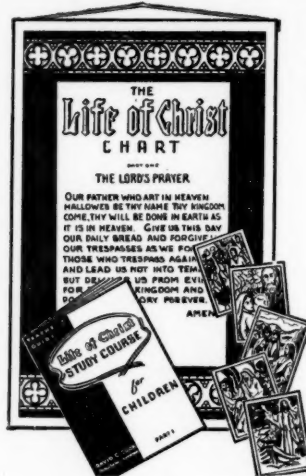
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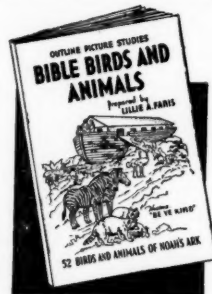
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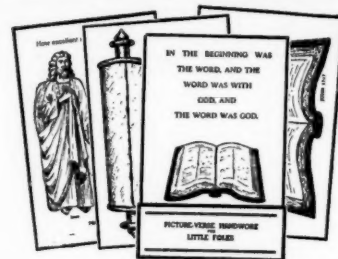
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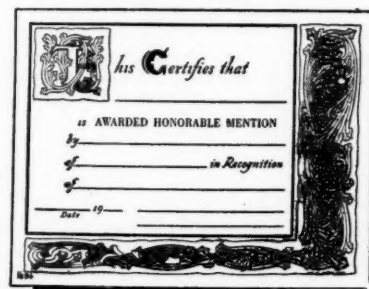
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